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SUBJ: VISA RECIPROCITY

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1. THE HISTORY: FOR SOME TIME, EMBASSY HAS BEEN SEEKING TO
GET UAEG TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS EMBASSIES & IMMIGRATION
OFFICES SO THAT VISAS ISSUED TO AMCITS CONFORM TO INFORMAL
AGREEMENT WORKED OUT LAST YEEAR WITH MFA AS FOLLOWS:

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H-1,2,3,4	\$3.00	ONE	3 MOS
J-1,2	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MOS

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K NONE ONE 3 MOS
L-1,2 \$3.00 12 MOS

F.O. NOTE CONFIRMING THIS SCHEDULE WAS SENT TO MFA 15 FEB,
1976 RPT 1976. MINISTRY WAS ANXIOUS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
SCHEDULE, PARTICULARLY FOR DIPLOMATS AND BURSARY STUDENTS.

2. ACTUALITIES: THE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF NUMEROUS CASES WHERE THE AGREEMENT WAS IGNORED OR ERRONEOUS INFORMATION GIVEN AT UAE EMBASSIES.

A. FOUR DIPLOMATIC PPT HOLDERS ASSIGNED ABU DHABI, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR, HAVE RECEIVED THREE MONTH, ONE ENTRY VISAS.

B. LOCKHEED REP., FREQUENT BUSINESS VISITOR TO UAE, DENIED MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA AT PARIS EMBASSY.

C. FRIEND OF EMBOFF, TRAVELLING FROM SANA ON SERVICE PPT. TOLD NO VISA NECESSARY. SHE NOT EVEN PERMITTED TO CONTACT FRIEND (WHO COULD HAVE ARRANGED AIRPORT VISA PER REFTEL C) BEFORE BEING DEPORTED BACK TO SANA.

D. SEVERAL OFFICIAL PPT HOLDERS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT NO VISA WAS NECESSARY, THAT ONE COULD BE EASILY OBTAINED AT AIRPORT.

E. AMCIT BUSINESSMAN WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN A MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISA WAS DENIED ENTRY WHEN HE TRIED TO USA VISA SECOND TIME.

3. EMBASSY EFFORTS: LATEST IN A SERIES OF REPRESENTATIONS ON FEB 12. WHEN AMBASSADOR RAISED ISSUE WITH MINSTATE GUBBASH. THIS FOLLOWED BY F.O. ,953 9, -4:# 14 EXPRESSING OUR UNHAPPINESS WITH THE PRESENT LACK OF RECIPROCITY, CITING EXAMPLES OF SAME, AND REQUESTING MINISTRY'S CONFIRMATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT WISHED AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE AND WOULD ISSUE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO UAE EMBASSIES. MFA INFORMED THAT IN ABSENCE OF SUCH CONFIRMATION EMBASSY WOULD REGRETFULLY BEGIN ISSUING THREE-MONTH, SINGLE ENTRY VISAS FOR ALL UAE PPT HOLDERS EFFECTIVE ONE MONTH FROM DATE OF NOTE, I.E., APRIL 14.

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS: ON MARCH 21, EMBOFFS CALLED ON MFA HEAD OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS DARWISH AL-MANSOURI TO DISCUSS PROBLEM HE PRODUCED TELEX SENT TO UM EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, DTD FEBRUARY 16 INSTRUCTING EMBASSY TO ISSUE ONE YEAR VISAS. SHAMSI'S VISIT TO ARP UNDOUBTEDLY PROVOKED BY THIS COMMUNICATION. AL-MANSOURI ORDERED THE MESSAGE TO BE RE-TRANSMITTED INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PHRASE QUOTE MULTIPLE ENTRY END QUOTE AT OUR REQUEST. HIS EXPLANATION FOR INCONSISTANCY IN APPLYING RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WAS THAT THERE ARE FREQUENT STAFF CHANGES. MANSOURI APPARENTLY COMPLETELY UNAWARE AND DENIED EXISTENCE OF TWO-TIER FEE SCHEDULE FOR SINGLE AND

MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS PER REFTEL A, PARA 2. (RECENTLY
SEEN BUSINESSMAN'S PPT HAD SINGLE ENTRY WITH FEE NOTATION
\$2.50--AGREEMENT SAYS \$3.00, MULTIPLE ENTRY.) MEETING
ENDED CORDIALLY WITH MANSOURI AGREEING THAT WASHINGTON
EMBASSY SHOULD APPLY AGREEMENT UNIFORMLY AND WOULD BE SO
INSTRUCTED. HE PROMISED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION. IF
SCHEDULE IS TO BE CIRCULARIZED, HE SAID US EMBASSY SHOULD
CONTACT UNDERSECRETARY OF MFA JARWAN TO MAKE SURE INSTRUCTIONS
SENT TO ALL OTHER UAE EMBASSIES. WE PLAN FOLLOW UP WITH
HIGHER OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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